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ASSAY SYSTEMS IN MICROSCALE  
FLUIDIC DEVICES

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Sir:

The references cited on attached PTO-1449 and 892 forms are being called to the attention of the Examiner to make of record references cited in parent applications USSN 08/671,987 (now U.S. Patent 5,942,443) filed June 28, 1996 and USSN 09/346,660, filed July 1, 1999. Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.98(d), copies of references cited in parent applications USSN 08/671,987 (now U.S. Patent 5,942,443) filed June 28, 1996 and USSN 09/346,660, filed July 1, 1999 are not provided. However the applicants will gladly provided fresh copies of any references requested by the Examiner. It is respectfully requested that the cited information

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on the previously submitted 1449 and 892 forms for applications USSN 08/671,987 (now U.S. Patent 5,942,443) filed June 28, 1996 and USSN 09/346,660, filed July 1, 1999 be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that references be made of record therein and appear among the "references cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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